

AGENDA ITEM 7: Delta Flood Preparedness Week resolution

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Requested Action: Receive report and consider adoption of Delta Flood Preparedness Week resolution

Delta Flood Preparedness Week: California Flood Preparedness Week 2017 runs from October 21-28. The attached resolution proclaims the week of October 16-21 to be Delta Flood Preparedness Week, one week prior to the State effort, culminating with the fourth annual Delta Flood Safety Fair on Saturday, October 21.

The Commission has partnered again with the Department of Water Resources to produce a 2018 Delta Flood Preparedness Calendar. The Commission will mail the calendar to approximately 5,000 residential addresses in Courtland, Clarksburg, Isleton, Walnut Grove, Thornton, Holt and Bethel Island, as well as receive additional copies for general distribution. The calendar contains updated emergency phone numbers, online contacts, tips for assembling an emergency kit, and websites from which Delta residents can obtain useful information to improve their flood readiness. This piece has become a cornerstone of our Flood Preparedness efforts, and we thank Department of Water Resources for being our partner again this year and sponsoring the calendar printing.

The fourth Delta Flood Safety Fair will take place on October 21, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Walnut Grove. The Fair is a Commission-sponsored activity designed to bring flood safety-related agencies and exhibitors together to provide information to Delta residents on flood preparedness efforts. The 2017 Fair will include more than 20 exhibitors and will be held at the Walnut Grove Library, Dr. Paul Barnes Community Park, and the Walnut Grove Fire Station. The 2017 Fair will have expanded space for more exhibitors and attendees than previous years. The Walnut Grove Fire Station will be blocking off a street and monitoring safety. The Library will be providing event equipment such as tables, chairs, and shade structures along with kid-friendly offerings such a book mobile and reading corner. The Rio Vista Leos, the youth group of the Rio Vista Lions, will be hosting lawn games for children in the park. The Fire Station will be open and will have emergency vehicles available for public enjoyment and education. Other participants include, but are not limited to, the U.S. Coast Guard, Delta Conservancy, KSN Engineering, Red Cross, San Joaquin and Sacramento Office of Emergency Services, and Sacramento Search and Rescue.

DWR will include the Delta Flood Safety Fair as their kick-off event for California Flood Preparedness Week and have offered extra resources to support the Delta Flood Safety Fair promotion efforts.

Recommendation: In light of these activities, and in keeping with the ongoing commitment to the safety of Delta residents, we request the Commission to adopt Resolution 17-02 declaring October 16th through the 21st, 2017 to be Delta Flood Preparedness Week.

Resolution No. 17-02 RESOLUTION OF THE DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION,
DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16-21, 2017
TO BE DELTA FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) is a unique and complex region, with a confluence of cultures, economies, ecosystems, politics and dependencies, and is a region at risk; and

WHEREAS, the potential for catastrophic natural and subsequent human disaster, which could happen at any time and any place from flooding and related levee failures in the Delta, has been clearly demonstrated during the floods of 1955, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2006 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Protection Commission recognizes the critical importance of flood preparedness to increase public health and safety, minimize potential flood damage and accelerate recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that Delta residents prepare to help themselves and their families during a major flood event for at least the first 72 hours until and after the first responders arrive; and

WHEREAS, thoughtful and appropriate regional planning, training and coordinated resources can decrease exposure to flooding risk in the Delta; and

WHEREAS, during California Flood Preparedness Week, local, State and Federal agencies across the State work together to inform the public about the dangers of flooding, how to prepare their homes and families for a flood, and plan for recovery; and

WHEREAS, California Flood Preparedness Week 2017 will be held statewide during the week of October 21-28, the week immediately following; and

WHEREAS, the Delta Protection Commission supports increased public awareness of flood threats and encourages all Delta residents to take action to know their flood threat and prepare appropriately;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Delta Protection Commission will kick off California Flood Preparedness Week with our Delta Flood Safety Fair on October 21st and therefore declares October 16th through the 21st Delta Flood Preparedness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 21st day of September 2017.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Delta Protection Commission

Attest: _____
Ashley Medina, Clerk to the Commission